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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2005, for which a response was due June 28, 2006. A Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time of response by one month, up to and including July 28, 2006, together with provision for payment of the required petition fee is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as detailed below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Appendix A is the article Hospers *et al.*, "Eosinophilia and positive skin tests predict cardiovascular mortality in a general population sample followed for 30 years," *Am J Epidemiol*, 150(5):482-491 (1999).

Appendix B is the review article Li and Shah, "Endothelial cell superoxide generation: regulation and relevance for cardiovascular pathophysiology," *Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol*, 287:R1014-R1030 (2004).